IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1, 8, 9, 10 and 11 and ADD new claims 12-15 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An intermediation control apparatus that carries out intermediation between a user and a service provider, the intermediation control apparatus comprising:

extraction means for determining a range of permitted personal information of a user, for disclosure, based on a kind of commodity request information sent from said user, and extracting said range of personal information from said personal information; and

transaction means for making said extracted range of personal information and contents of a request available to said service provider.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An intermediation control apparatus according to claim 1, further including memory means for storing said personal information together with a user ID of said user.

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An intermediation control apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said extraction means is responsive to said request information including said user ID, for determining disclosure information of said personal information stored in said storage means based on said user ID and said kind of said request information, and extracting said disclosure information from said personal information,.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An intermediation control apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said transaction means makes said extracted range of personal information and said contents of said request available to said service provider on a site where said service provider is permitted to access through authentication.

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An intermediation control apparatus according to claim 1, further including a management table for managing correlation between said contents of said request and disclosure information of said personal information.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An intermediation control apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said extraction means determines said disclosure information based on said management table.

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An intermediation control apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said extraction means determines said range of personal information of said user, for disclosure, based on an estimate request of an insurance and a type of said insurance, as said request information sent from said user, and extracts said range of personal information from said personal information.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A service providing apparatus connected to a network, comprising:
disclosure information-receiving means for receiving disclosure information as a portion of request commodity information received from a user, said portion being permitted to be disclosed; and
response information-transmitting means for transmitting commodity information created based on said disclosure information, as response information.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A service providing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said disclosure information-receiving means receives, as said request commodity information sent from said user, disclosure information which is a portion of a request of an estimate of an insurance, said portion being permitted to be disclosed.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable recording medium which stores an intermediation control program for causing a computer to execute intermediation control, said intermediation control program causing said computer to function as:
extraction means for determining a range of permitted personal information of a user, for disclosure, based on a kind of commodity request information sent from said user, and extracting said range of personal information from said personal information; and

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transaction means for making said extracted range of personal information and contents of a request available to said service provider.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of intermediation control between a user and at least one service provider, comprising:

determining a range of <u>permitted</u> personal information of a user based on a type of <u>commodity</u> request information sent by the user to the at least one service provider;

extracting the range of personal information from a personal information storage; and

making available the extracted range of personal information and the request available to the at least one service provider.

12. (NEW) An intermediation control method between a user and at least one service provider, comprising:

generating a look-up table having information regarding requests from a user, wherein the information is correlated with items of disclosure; and

extracting a range of information of a user based on a request sent by the user and the correlation, and providing the extracted range of information to the at least one service provider.

13. (NEW) An intermediation control apparatus between a user and at least one service provider, comprising:

an extraction unit for determining a range of permitted personal information of a user based on a type of request information sent by the user to the at least one service provider; and

a transaction unit for providing the extracted range of permitted personal information of the user to the at least one service provider.

14. (NEW) A service providing apparatus connected to a network, comprising:

disclosure information receiver for receiving disclosure information as a portion of request commodity information received from a user, the portion of request commodity information being permitted to be disclosed; and

response information-transmitting unit for transmitting commodity information created based on the disclosure information as response information.

15. (NEW) A service providing method, comprising:

receiving disclosure information as a portion of request commodity information received from a user, the portion of request commodity information being permitted to be disclosed; and

transmitting commodity information created based on the disclosure information as response information.